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For: ULTRAFINE GROUND TEA DISPERSION,
AND FOOD OR BEVERAGE CONTAINING
THE SAME

Examiner: E. A. Gwartyne

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A summary/abstract translation of the non-English language references is enclosed.

A copy of only those references listed below is attached:

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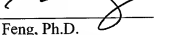
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